

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 4 and 25 as follows:

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Previously Presented) The communication system according to claim 25, wherein said client terminal is a portable information terminal and said communication link is a radio link.

3. (Previously Presented) The communication system according to claim 25, further comprising a signal transmission control means for controlling said signal transmission means; and

wherein said signal transmission control means stops the transmission of the second link request by said signal transmission means if the transmission by said data transmission means results in an error.

4. (Currently Amended) The communication system according to claim 3, wherein said signal transmission control means causes the transmission of the second link request by said signal transmission means to be resumed after the transmission of the second link request by said signal transmission means is stopped if

the data transmission performed by said data transmission means, ~~after the transmission of the second link request by said signal transmission means is stopped~~, succeeds.

5. (Previously Presented) The communication system according to claim 25, wherein a sender telephone number of said data transmission means and a sender telephone number of said signal transmission means are different from each other so that, when a link request arrives at said client terminal, client terminal can determine whether the link request is the first link request from said data transmission means or the second link request from said signal transmission means.

6. (Previously Presented) The communication system according to claim 25, wherein a transmission frequency used by said signal transmission means and a transmission frequency used by said data transmission means are different from each other so that, when a link request arrives at said client terminal, the client terminal can determine whether the link request is the first link request from said data transmission means or the second link request from said signal transmission means.

7. (Previously Presented) The communication system according to claim 25, wherein the second link request sent by said signal transmission means is sent as a sound wave so that, when a link request arrives at said client terminal, the client

terminal can determine whether the link request is the first link request from said data transmission means or the second link request from said signal transmission means.

8. (Previously Presented) The communication system according to claim 25, wherein the second link request sent by said signal transmission means is sent as infrared so that, when a link request arrives at said client terminal, the client terminal can determine whether the link request is the first link request from said data transmission means or the second link request from said signal transmission means.

9. (Previously Presented) The communication system according to claim 25, wherein, when the client terminal accepts the first link request, said client terminal sends a send request to said data transmission means, and said data transmission means sends data to said client terminal based on said send request.

10. (Previously Presented) The communication system according to claim 25, further comprising a timing setting means for setting said predetermined timing.

11-24. (Cancelled)

25. (Currently Amended) A communication system having a client terminal, a server and a communication link, the communication link passing link requests from the server to the client terminal without charging communication costs, the communication link charging communication costs for links which are established between the client terminal and the server, the communication system keeping identicalness between data in the client terminal and data in the server through the communication link, the communication system comprising:

data transmission means for sending data from the server to the client terminal through the communication link, when the client terminal accepts a first link request;

signal transmission means for sending a second link request from the server to the client terminal informing the client terminal of the status of the data in the server at a predetermined timing, the second link request being sent from the server to the client terminal through the communication link;

receipt type determination means for determining whether a link request is transmitted from the data transmission means or the signal transmission means; and

connection control means for establishing a link and accepting data sent by the data transmission means in the client terminal, but not establishing a link in response to the second link request sent by the signal transmission means,

whereby the status of identicalness between the data in the client terminal and the data in the server is monitored in the client terminal without incurring communication costs.